



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0916

March 17, 2023

Dear Art Teachers:

I am writing to invite your students to participate in the 2023 Annual Congressional Student Art Competition. Each spring the U.S. House of Representatives sponsors an art competition for high school students. This nationwide competition provides students with an excellent opportunity to showcase their talent.

All high school students who reside in Florida's 16th Congressional District are eligible to participate in the competition. The 16th District is comprised of Manatee County and portions of Hillsborough County. If you live in Hillsborough County, please look up your congressional district on the U.S. House of Representatives website, www.House.gov, using your ZIP code +4 PRIOR to submitting your piece.

The deadline to submit artwork is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19. This year we are requiring students to submit an online art competition form instead of filling it out on paper. [You can apply online here.](#) **Entries should be delivered by appointment** to one of the following locations:

Office of Congressman
Buchanan
8433 Enterprise Circle, Ste.
210
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 951-6643

Riverview, FL 33578
813-234-5944

Office of Congressman
Buchanan
510 Vonderburg Drive,
Ste. 303
Brandon, FL 33511
(813) 657-1013
Open by appointment only

Greater Riverview
Chamber of Commerce
6152 Delancey Station St.,
Suite 205

The entries will be judged by curators for the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol alongside artwork from every congressional district across the country.

In a separate category, we will award a "Facebook Fan Favorite!" Beginning Friday, April 21 we will be displaying all the submissions on my Facebook page. The piece that receives the highest number of likes and shares combined by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12 will be the Facebook Fan Favorite! The winner will have their piece hung in my Washington, DC office for one year.

Other entries selected by the curators will have their artwork on exhibit at the Ringling Museum of Art.

The guidelines for suitability and framing are enclosed.

Please contact Chloe Conboy at Chloe.Conboy@mail.house.gov or 941.951.6643 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress

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